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- 25X1 1. It is alleged that no hydrazine hydrate is now being produced in East Germany. Fifteen tons remained in East Germany after the war. This quantity was sold [redacted] in 1951. In the
- 25X1 past attempts to produce hydrazine hydrate have been undertaken at Farbenfabrik Wolfen, but these were unsuccessful.
2. The 50 aluminum rail tank cars previously reported planned for exclusive transportation of hydrazine hydrate are now alleged to be needed to carry sulphuric acid of a new type. The bodies of the cars have reportedly been contracted for in Poland; the undercarriages are rebuilt German stock. The new type of sulphuric acid, made with gypsum slag (Gipseschlacke), allegedly has such a destructive effect on iron that it can only be carried in all-aluminum cars. It is believed that Farbenfabrik Wolfen makes 150 tons of the new sulphuric acid per day; the plant's eventual aim is a daily production of 300 tons. Five of the aluminum tank cars are reported to be already in service.

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